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**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

Dear Attorney General:

Attached is my letter of opinion for the settlement between the Department of Justice and Microsoft.

Sincerely,

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January 23, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to show my support for the settlement in the Microsoft antitrust case. Your efforts in supporting the settlement I gratefully welcome. Microsoft has basically agreed to what was asked of it, as well as agreed to some terms that were not even addresses in the original complaints. Now is the time to move on toward renewed innovation and improvement in the American computer technology industry.

The settlement will lead to Microsoft working more closely with its partners in the software industry than it already does. Microsoft will document and disclose the internal code for the interfaces of its Windows programs some other industry companies can make their programs work more efficiently with Windows. Microsoft will provide computer makers a list of established, uniform terms and prices so everyone will know what the deal is, rather than negotiate privately. A technical committee of software experts will monitor Microsoft to ensure that the terms of the settlement are met. These are big concessions and compromises of Microsoft's legal rights to cooperate with its industry and resolve the court case.

I appreciate, and thank you for, your efforts to see that this beneficial settlement is approved. Your leadership is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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